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FOUR NEW TIGER RESERVES IN THE COUNTRY

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Four new Tiger Reserves will be created in the country and one park will be treated as a separate Reserve. During its third meeting of The National Tiger Conservation Authority which met on 21st of this month gave this approval "in principle". These reserves are Sunabeda Tiger Reserve in Orissa, Shahyadri Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh and Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh. All four states submitted proposals to the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The Authority also accorded an approval on the proposal from Karnataka to treat Nagarahole National Park as a separate reserve which was a part of Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of Shri S Regupathy, also discussed the reports of of the committees constituted by the Authority for refinement of monitoring process and strategy for Tiger Reserves affected by extremist disturbances. The Authority also took note of the recent all India tiger estimation findings, and protection strategy in tiger reserves.

The Authority approved several other proposals, which interalia, included funding support for research and monitoring through the Wildlife Institute of

funding support for research and monitoring through the Wildlife Institute of India, contractual arrangement for NTCA staff, radio telemetry monitoring of tigers, awareness programme, support to Non-Governmental Organisations with MOU for capacity building, research and tiger estimation and tiger reintroduction proposals.

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